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## Medi-Cal Frequently Asked Questions

As a result of federal and state health insurance reforms, there is a significant increase in the number of California residents who are now eligible for Medi-Cal benefits. Medi-Cal is managed by the [California Department of Health Care Services](#), and [County Social Service Offices](#). The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Division of Rehabilitative Programs—in partnership with the Division of Adult Parole Operations—is working with its community based providers to assist in facilitating parolee enrollment into Affordable Health Care Act Insurance.

On January 1, 2014, California expanded its Medi-Cal eligibility criteria for low income adults. Medi-Cal is managed by the [California Department of Health Care Services](#), and [County Social Service Offices](#).

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### What services are covered by Medi-Cal?

Health plans offered by Medi-Cal include benefits known as “essential health benefits.” Essential health benefits consist of:

- Outpatient services
  - Emergency services
  - Hospitalization
  - Maternity and Newborn care
  - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services, including Behavioral Health Treatment
  - Prescription Drugs
  - Dental services
  - Programs such as physical and occupational therapy and devices
  - Laboratory services
  - Preventive and wellness services & chronic disease management
  - Children's (Pediatric) services, including oral and vision care.
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### How much does Medi-Cal cost?

For many individuals who enroll in Medi-Cal, there is no premium, no co-payment, and no out of pocket cost. Some households may incur affordable costs, such as a low monthly premium.

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### **Where can I get more answers to my questions?**

The California Department of Health Care Services website provides updated information on Medi-Cal. The following link will take you to the DHCS Medi-Cal pages:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/default.aspx>

A list of county offices, arranged by county name, provides contact information on department offices for those who want to apply for Medi-Cal health coverage. Click here: [County Social Service Offices](#)

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### **How do I apply?**

The following California Department of Health Care Services link will provide guidance and avenues to apply for Medi-Cal. Click here: [Steps-to-Medi-Cal](#)

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### **Am I eligible?**

To see if you are eligible, visit the California Department of Health Care Services website by clicking here: [Steps-to-Medi-Cal](#)

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/default.aspx>

County Social Service Offices: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>

Steps to Medi-Cal: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/Steps-to-Medi-Cal.aspx>

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*CDCR's Division of Rehabilitative Programs (DRP) manages adult inmate and parolee rehabilitative programs. Its top priority is to provide rehabilitative programming and life skills to offenders in an effort to reduce their likelihood of reoffending after their release from prison. DRP is comprised of the Office of Offender Services (OS), the Office of Correctional Education (OCE), and the Office of Program Accountability and Support (OPAS).*

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